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KENTUCKY LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN PRICES CONTINUE MIXED

Prices received for commodities sold by **Kentucky** farmers during October were mixed. Crop, milk and sheep and lamb prices were up from the previous month while cattle and hog prices were lower to steady.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over averaged \$99.00 per cwt. (hundred pounds) for mid-October. This was down \$8.00 from the September price and \$5.00 from October 2005. This was the lowest steer and heifer price since February 2005. **Beef cow** price at mid-month was \$44.00 per cwt., down \$2.00 from September and \$1.00 from October a year earlier. The beef cow price was the lowest since January 2006. **Calves** less than 500 lbs. averaged \$115.00 per cwt. at mid-October, down \$10.00 from a month earlier and \$3.00 from a year earlier. Calf price was the lowest since January 2005.

Barrows and gilts at mid-October averaged \$47.00 per cwt. This was down \$2.00 from September and unchanged from a year earlier. The price of **sows** at mid-month was \$37.00 per cwt., unchanged from a month earlier and down \$5.00 from October 2005.

Sheep and lamb prices for September were both up from the August price. The **sheep** price at \$46.00 per cwt. and the **lamb** price at \$94.00 per cwt. were both up \$11.00 from a month earlier.

Price of **all milk** for mid-October was \$14.90 per cwt. This was up \$1.30 from the September price while down \$1.60 from a year earlier. This was the highest milk price in eight months. The final monthly price will vary from the projected mid-month milk price due to price changes announced by the Milk Marketing Orders, actual milk fat content and quantity sold by milk class. **Milk cow** price for mid-October was \$1,600.00 per head, down \$100.00 from the July price and \$190.00 from October 2005. The October price per head would be the lowest since January 2005.

Mid-September grain prices were all up from a month earlier. The **corn** mid-month price was \$3.00 per bushel, up 66 cents from September and \$1.11 from October 2005. This would be the highest corn price since June 2004. **Soybean** price at mid-

October was \$5.80 per bushel, up 43 cents from a month earlier and 10 cents from a year earlier. The soybean price would be the highest in four months. The **winter wheat** price for mid-month was \$4.50 per bushel, up \$1.09 from September and \$1.33 from October 2005. This would be the highest winter wheat price in over ten years, since May 1996.

The preliminary **U.S. All Farm Products Index** of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 117 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from September. The Crop Index was down 6 points (4.9 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, broilers, cattle and tomatoes and higher prices for corn, wheat, turkeys, and milk. The overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Decreased average marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and sweet corn offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, upland cotton, and sorghum grain. Preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 6 points (5.4 percent) from October 2005.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY		US	
		OCT 2005	SEPT 2006	OCT 2006	OCT 2006
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	1.89	2.34	3.00	2.72
Soybeans b/	Bu.	5.70	5.37	5.80	5.46
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	3.17	3.41	4.50	4.73
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	120.00	120.00	120.00	112.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	70.00	70.00	70.00	93.80
All Hogs	Cwt.	46.80	48.50	46.60	46.90
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	47.00	49.00	47.00	47.60
Sows	Cwt.	42.00	37.00	37.00	36.80
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	89.80	92.40	85.80	89.10
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	104.00	107.00	99.00	94.40
Cows	Cwt.	45.00	46.00	44.00	46.00
Calves f/	Cwt.	118.00	125.00	115.00	131.00
Sheep	Cwt.	52.00	46.00	--	--
Lambs	Cwt.	105.00	94.00	--	--
Milk Cows g/	Ea.	1,790.00	--	1,600.00	1,650.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	16.50	13.60	14.90	13.30
Hog-Corn Ratios h/	Bu.	24.8	20.7	15.5	17.2

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Published only in Jan., Apr., July & Oct. h/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on September 30, 2006, were greater than year earlier levels for butter, beef, cheese, pork, and eggs.

All U.S. Warehouse Stocks				Sept 06 as % of	
Commodity	Sept 30 2005	Aug 31 2006	Sept 30 2006	Sept 2005	Aug 2006
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	754,882	710,420	723,898	96	102
Turkey	477,801	500,258	463,266	97	93
Ducks	2,452	7,286	6,294	257	86
Total Frozen Poultry	1,235,135	1,217,964	1,193,458	97	98
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	438,750	471,677	497,501	113	105
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	14,117	11,962	10,250	73	86
Total Frozen Pork <u>1/</u>	431,573	404,425	463,878	107	115
Total Meat <u>2/</u>	890,932	893,616	992,703	111	111

1/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in September, up slightly from the previous year. September 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down slightly from September 2005. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,282 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.74 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.83 million head, slightly below September 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 266 pounds.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Class	Sept 2005	Aug 2006	Sept 2006	Sept 06 as % of	
				Sept 2005	Aug 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,158	2,442	2,162	100	89
Veal	13.2	14.2	12.8	97	90
Pork	1,743	1,774	1,744	100	98
Lamb & Mutton	15.6	14.6	14.2	91	97
Total U.S.	3,930	4,245	3,933	100	93
Total Kentucky	42.7	44.5	42.6	100	96

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. SEPTEMBER 2005 & 2006 1/

Class	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.2	1.1	1,116	1,043	930	971
Hogs	215.3	212.1	56,137	56,008	261	264
Sheep & Lambs	1.2	0.8	158	106	132	125
United States						
Cattle	2,775.9	2,765.7	3,538,313	3,546,240	1,275	1,282
Hogs	8,871.1	8,833.0	2,348,822	2,351,899	265	266
Sheep & Lambs	231.1	219.1	31,088	28,233	135	129

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

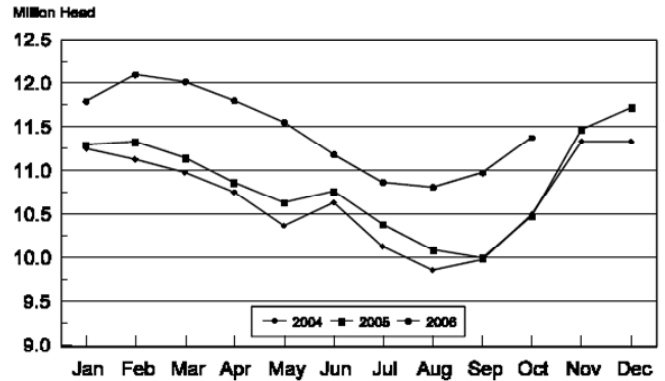
CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.4 million head on October 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above October 1, 2005 and 8 percent above October 1, 2004. This is the highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.20 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, up 16 percent from 2005.

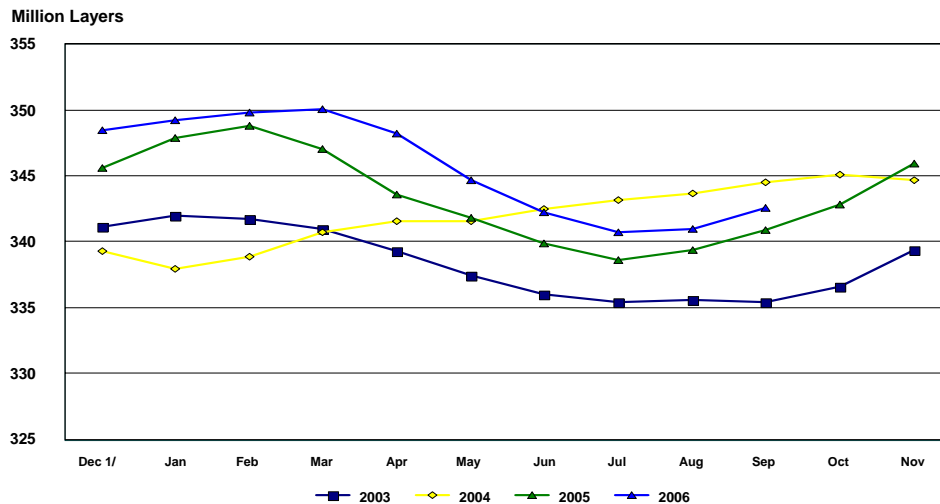
Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.23 million, 5 percent below 2005 and 6 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.16 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 725,000, 600-699 pounds were 412,000, 700-799 pounds were 450,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 645,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during September totaled 1.77 million, 3

percent below 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. **Other disappearance** totaled 68,000 during September, 19 percent above 2005 and 11 percent above 2004.

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS U.S., 2003-2006



UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Sept 2005	Sept 2006	Sept 06 as % of Sept 05
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,348	7,419	101
Average Layers (000)	340,914	342,606	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,155	2,165	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Oct 1 (000)	33,782	35,152	104
Chicks Hatched (000)	33,623	36,845	110
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Oct 1 (000)	631,849	632,413	100
Chicks Hatched (000)	771,146	771,719	100

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for September 2006 totaled 93 million pounds. This was down 10 percent from September 2005 production and down 2 percent from August 2006. The average **number of cows** on farms, at 96,000 head, was down 9,000 head from a year earlier but unchanged from last month. **Milk per cow** averaged 970 pounds, down 10 pounds from September 2005 and down 20 pounds from August 2006.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during September totaled 13.3 billion pounds, up 2 percent from September 2005. August production, unrevised at 13.9 billion pounds, is up 1.6 percent from August 2005. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,615 pounds for September, 16 pounds above September 2005. The **number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 79,000 head more than September 2005, but 6,000 head less than August 2006.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR SEPTEMBER, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Production <u>2/</u>		2006 as % of 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,762	1,772	1,750	1,775	3,084	3,145	102
IL	104	103	1,450	1,485	151	153	101
IN	156	165	1,615	1,595	252	263	104
KY	105	96	980	970	103	93	90
MO	115	115	1,210	1,180	139	136	98
OH	270	274	1,420	1,450	383	397	104
VA	105	103	1,325	1,300	139	134	96
WI	1,237	1,245	1,510	1,510	1,868	1,880	101
23-State							
Total	8,167	8,246	1,599	1,615	13,057	13,318	102

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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